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FROM PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL COORDINATOR WILLIAMS

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SUBJECT: REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT: SUMMARY REPORT
OF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO
(PART IV OF IV)

1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO RECEIVED ME EVENING SEPT.
5 FOR MEETING AND DINNER AT GOVERNOR'S HOUSE IN QUETTA
(HE IS SPENDING WEEK IN BALUCHISTAN IN SESSIONS WITH
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
WITH PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE). CHARGE SOBER AND AID
DIRECTOR WHEELER WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. BHUTTO OPENED WITH EXPRESSION OF SINCERE THANKS
TO PRESIDENT NIXON FOR HAVING TAKEN PERSONAL INTEREST
IN PAKISTAN'S FLOOD DISASTER AND FOR HAVING SENT ME
TO PAKISTAN. HE SAID TIMELINESS AND GENEROSITY
OF US EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT TO DATE HAD MADE DEEP
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IMPRESSION HERE AND WAS SEEN AS REFLECTING WARMTH

OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I SAID MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO BE HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE AND TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS THE US MIGHT TAKE IN THIS HOUR OF PAKISTAN'S NEED.

3. BHUTTO SAID AT THAT POINT THAT HE HAD ONE PRINCIPAL REQUEST TO MAKE OF US, AND THAT WAS FOR WHEAT. FOOD LOSSES FROM FLOOD HAD BEEN GREAT AND AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES WAS CRUCIAL TO OVERCOMING POPULAR CONCERNS AND RESTORING OPTIMISM AND FORWARD MOVEMENT. FLOODS HAD HIT PAKISTAN AT ESPECIALLY PAINFUL TIME BECAUSE PAKISTAN HAD BEEN MAKING GOOD ECONOMIC PROGRESS AFTER THE TROUBLES OF RECENT YEARS AND BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN HOPEFUL EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW FEDERAL SYSTEM AND TO WORK OUT PAKISTAN'S DIFFICULTIES WITH INDIA AND BANGLADESH. SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN PARTICULAR THREATENED A MAJOR SETBACK. JUST BEFORE THE FLOODS HIS GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN STEPS TO MOBILIZE DOMESTIC STOCKS AND IT HAD BEEN LOOKING TO IMPORTS OF WHEAT TO MEET EXPECTED DEFICIT. NOW THE FLOOD HAD DESTROYED SOME 15 PERCENT OF THE WHEAT STOCKS AND PERHAPS 20 PERCENT OF THE RICE CROP UNDER CULTIVATION.

4. I RESPONDED THAT IN ASKING FOR WHEAT HE WAS ASKING FOR SOMETHING WE DIDN'T HAVE. I WENT AT SOME LENGTH INTO ACCOUNT OF THE WORLDWIDE WHEAT SHORTAGE AND THE EXTRAORDINARY PRESSURES ON US SUPPLIES, NOTING THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO MEET CERTAIN SIGNED AGREEMENTS TO SUPPLY WHEAT TO SOME COUNTRIES WITH NEEDS OF HIGH PRIORITY. PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION LAST WEEK TO MAKE AVAILABLE 100,000 TONS FOR PAKISTAN REFLECTED EXCEPTIONAL SYMPATHY AND HIGH PRIORITY FOR PAKISTAN'S NEEDS. BUT TO BE CANDID, AS I KNEW BHUTTO WOULD WANT ME TO BE, I SAID, I COULD NOT HONESTLY HOLD OUT ANY HOPE FOR ADDITIONAL WHEAT THIS YEAR. BHUTTO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS SENIOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR HAD ALREADY INFORMED HIM OF OUR MEETING THE PREVIOUS DAY WHEN I HAD SAID THEY COULD NOT COUNT ON ANY ADDITIONAL WHEAT. THIS WORD HAD COME AS A MOST SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT.

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5. BHUTTO AGREED WITH MY SUGGESTION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT NEEDED URGENTLY TO REVIEW ITS EXISTING FOOD POLICY SO AS TO FACE THE DIFFICULTIES IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. THEY HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO RETAIN A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE COMING RICE CROP PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FOR EXPORT. I SAID I THOUGHT THE SITUATION ALSO REQUIRED PAKISTAN TO UNDERTAKE AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO SAVE

THE CURRENT RICE CROP NOW IN THE GROUND AND TO MAXIMIZE PRODUCTION OF THE NEXT WHEAT CROP (TO BE SOWN IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER). HE AGREED. I STATED THAT WE WOULD HELP PAKISTAN IN THIS EMERGENCY PRODUCTION EFFORT. WE WOULD ALSO BE LOOKING AT OTHER FIELDS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP, AND WOULD WISH REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT ON THIS.

6. BHUTTO AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR OUR PAST HELPFULNESS AS WELL AS FOR THE GOODWILL EVIDENT IN WHAT I HAD SAID ON OUR DESIRE TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO MEET THE PRESENT DISASTER. HE ASKED ME SPECIFICALLY TO CONVEY HIS THANKS TO PRESIDENT NIXON FOR THE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO PAKISTAN AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. HIS COUNTRY WOULD REMEMBER.
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7. I THOUGHT BHUTTO APPEARED RATHER SUBDUED AND WEIGHED DOWN BY THE UNEXPECTED AND VERY MAJOR PROBLEMS BROUGHT ON BY THE FLOOD DISASTER. ON THE OTHER HAND I WAS ENCOURAGED TO SEE HIM LOOKING AHEAD TO THE STEPS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE AND GET THE COUNTRY BACK ON ITS FEET ECONOMICALLY.

IN LATTER REGARD I TOOK THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS MY
ADMIRATION TO BHUTTO FOR THE WAY IN WHICH HE PERSONALLY
AND MANY OF HIS SENIOR MINISTERS HAD TAKEN TO THE FIELD
TO HELP ORGANIZE THE EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT AND TO
SHORE UP THE SPIRITS OF THE UNFORTUNATE MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE IN THE FLOODED AREAS. THEIR EFFORT HAS BEEN
REALLY OUTSTANDING--MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN ANY SIMILAR
EFFORT IT HAS BEEN MY FORTUNE TO OBSERVE IN OTHER
DISASTERS IN VARIOUS PLACES OF THE WORLD IN RECENT YEARS.
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